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**Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**September 10, 2014
12:00p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka (*via phone*), George Poling, Mike Clark, Greg Evans, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Mayor Piercy opened the September 10, 2014, City Council work session.

A. WORK SESSION: Opportunity Village Eugene Pilot Project

Community Programs Analyst Michael Wisth gave a PowerPoint presentation on Opportunity Village Eugene and provided an overview of the program, its goals, and current status.

Council discussion:

- The model is working well; its success is impressive.
- City should work with its intergovernmental partners to expand the project.
- This project has helped create a framework for non-profits.
- The facility is a major stepping stone towards self-sufficiency.
- Other governmental partners need to help and engage in homelessness initiatives.
- Clarification of Opportunity Village Eugene mission statement is needed.
- City needs to reframe the issue; have more say in how funding is spent by HSC.
- City needs to provide more transitional housing; more single-room occupancy.
- Request made for information on how much the City has spent on OVE to-date.

MOTION: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to authorize the City Manager to extend the City's existing operating agreement with Opportunity Village Eugene to October 1, 2015.

MOTION TO AMEND and VOTE: Councilor Taylor, seconded by Councilor Poling, moved to change the date to change the date to June 1, 2016. **PASSED: 8:0.**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 8:0.

B. WORK SESSION: Regional Economic Prosperity Update

Community Development Manager Denny Braud provided an update on the "Big Look" approach to regional economic development.

Council Discussion:

- Relationships with partners need to be strong for City to be successful.
- Need to avoid sending mixed messages; send coherent message to outside.
- More Eugene-centric focus on economic development and sustaining local business needed.

MOTION AND VOTE: Councilor Pryor, seconded by Councilor Syrett, moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. **PASSED: 8:0**

- Having adequate parks, recreation, and schools are key to attracting good jobs.
- Need an economic base that will be sustainable in the long-term.
- Need to become more attractive to potential business; have an adequate inventory of buildable land.

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chuck Crockett

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